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1. MISSION DEPARTED GENEVA JAN. 8 FOLLOWING TWO DAYS INTENSIVE BRIEFINGS WITH D.N.D. AND UNFDAC. IN ADDITION TO SIR HARRY GREENFIELD, MISSION COMPOSED OF MERVIN MANBY (ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING); QUENTIN JONES (AGRONOMIST); J. BRAENDEN (HEAD DND LABORATORY); DE LA GRANDVILLE (ECONOMIC MATTERS).

2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, MISSION WILL HAVE MANDATE TO CONSULT WITH GOT ON CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALKALOID PLANT (INCLUDING MARKETING AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES, SPECIFICATIONS AND STORAGE FACILITIES); COMPIATION OF INCOMES OF POPPY FARMERS AND DETERMINATION OF POSSIBLE NEED FOR COMPENSATION; CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF UN ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF CONTROLS, ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING.

3. ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WILL ABSORB MUCH OF THE MISSION'S TIME. THREE OF THE EXPERTS WILL BE ADVISING ON STORAGE AND EXPORT OF POSSY STRAW (INCLUDING CREATION OF GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY) AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ALKALOID PLANT. TENDER FOR PLANT WILL BE REVIEWED WITH VIEW TO FURTHER
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CLARIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT. UN OF-

FICIALS HOPE GOT WILL BE PERSUADED TO PERMIT FOREIGN PRIVATE PARTICIPATION ON LONG-TERM BASIS RATHER THAN TURN-KEY PROPOSITION.

4. ISSUE OF POSSIBLE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS IS COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT BUT COULD BE KEY TO COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT DECREE. EXPERTS WILL SEEK TO COMPUTE PRICE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN POPPY STRAW AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS DETERMINED THERE IS LOSS TO FARMERS, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO CREATION OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION. THIS FUND MIGHT BE UNDER UNFDAC AUSPICES BUT WITH SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THIS WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM NORMAL OPERATIONS. UNFDAC OFFICIALS CAUTION THAT THIS IS DELEGATE MATTER AND THINKING ONLY IN PRELIMINARY STAGE. BUT SOME ASSURANCE OF UN READINESS TO ASSIST IN COMPENSATION COULD BE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OVERALL GOT PROGRAM.

5. ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING PART OF MISSION WILL CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF FOLLOW-UP TO MANBY VISIT EARLY LAST DECEMBER. UNFDAC PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$800,000 FOR THESE PROGRAMS. MANBY WILL ALSO SERVE AS MISSION COORDINATOR AND WILL HAVE IMPORTANT CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. UN OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND THAT GOT HAS PREPARED DECREE FORBIDDING LANCING OF POPPIES BUT THAT THIS HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ISSUED. MISSION WILL STRESS URGENCY OF THIS MEASURES IN TIME FOR SPRING AND ENFORCEMENT MEASURES IN TIME FOR SPRING HARVEST.

7. MISSION EXPECTED TO RETURN TO GENEVA APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 22 TO PREPARE REPORT. DALE

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